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Monday, February 18, 1952.

I went first to Huntsman, the tailor, [redacted] then to the Embassy.

We met at the Foreign Office this morning at ten o'clock on a quadripartite basis, Adenauer and Hallstein being present. The first subject taken up was that of War Criminals. Adenauer brought up the question of the Germans in France, of whom there are 311, either in prison or awaiting trial. It was agreed [redacted] this would be handled in bilateral conversations between the French and German governments.

Next, was the matter of a German defense contribution in financial terms. The TCC estimate of what would be proper (on an annual basis) was 11 billion ten hundred and fifty million Deutschemarks. Adenauer said [redacted] he had seen the report for the first time last night, and would have to consult his experts at Bonn, and undertake a study of the problem immediately with the High Commissioners. The Chancellor said he hoped to give a response the end

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of this week on the figure of the total contribution, but not on its divison between occupation costs and the EDC, etc. Acheson urged that as complete an accord as time might permit be reached, so that at Lisbon one would not report merely [redacted] "progress had been made", but would announce [redacted] definite agreement had been reached on the contractual arrangements with Germany and the EDC.

Eden had to go to a Cabinet meeting, so we adjourned until 4:30 p.m. Meanwhile, we'll have at three o'clock a tripartite meeting with the French and British.

David Nes has [redacted] kindly procured for me Robert Byron's book "The Road to Oxiona". I read the other night an essay on Byron by Christopher Sykes, which gave me the desire to read something else by him. [redacted]. David is also looking for his "Byzantine Achievement".

I lunched with George Perkins at Bucks, an excellent plain British fare; fish cakes, grilled Dover sole and stilton cheese with port.

At the three o'clock reunion we [redacted]

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Security Controls, and the relationship between NATO and EDC. There was much talk about those damn propellants and large gun barrels.

The question of the guarantee came before us.

When we resumed the conversations with the Germans at 4.30, it was agreed [redacted] the TCC findings on Fedrep's financial capabilities should be made public in view of the many rumors circulating about its contents.

The conferees considered the relationship between NATO and EDC.

The revised text on War Criminals resulting from this morning's deliberations was buttoned up, after some philological exchanges between Adenauer and Schuman as to the appropriate counterpart of "validity" in the German language. Eden finally proposed that "validity" be used in the English text, and the Germans should employ any word they wished.

Adenauer criticized at length the text of the

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Allied proposal for a declaration by Fedrep on Security Controls, saying [redacted] it displayed a great lack of confidence in his country which was about to become a partner in the European Defense Community. He wished the controls exercised through the medium of the Commissariat of the EDC. A working party was constituted by the four ministers to resolve this problem during the night.

Left the Foreign Office about eight, and dined with Virginia, Ashley and Vangie at Albert Court. Vangie had arrived by Air France during the afternoon.

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